

1. A bedding or seating product comprising:

a pocketed spring assembly comprising a plurality of parallel strings of springs, each of said strings of springs comprising a row of interconnected pocketed springs, each of said pocketed springs comprising a spring

5 surrounded by a pocket of fabric, wherein within some of said strings of springs some of said pockets of fabric are of an identical vertical height and vertically offset relative to one another; and

an upholstered covering surrounding said pocketed spring assembly.

2. A bedding or seating product comprising:
- a pocketed spring assembly comprising a plurality of parallel strings of springs, each of said strings of springs comprising a row of interconnected pocketed springs, each of said pocketed springs comprising a spring
- 5 surrounded by a pocket of fabric, wherein within some of said strings of springs some of said pockets of fabric are of an identical vertical height and vertically offset relative to one another.
3. The product of claim 2 wherein within some of said strings of springs every other one of said pockets is above adjacent pockets.
4. The product of claim 2 wherein all of said springs are the same vertical height.
5. The product of claim 2 wherein said product has a longitudinal dimension and a transverse dimension, said longitudinal dimension being greater than said transverse dimension, said strings of springs extending longitudinally.
6. The product of claim 2 wherein said product has a longitudinal dimension and a transverse dimension, said longitudinal dimension being greater than said transverse dimension, said strings of springs extending transversely.

7. The product of claim 2 wherein at least one border wire is secured to said pocketed spring assembly.

8. The product of claim 2 wherein adjacent strings of springs are glued together.

9. The product of claim 2 wherein said springs are coil springs.

10. A bedding or seating product comprising:
- a pocketed spring assembly comprising a plurality of parallel strings of springs joined to each other, each of said strings of springs comprising a row of interconnected pocketed springs, each of said pocketed springs
- 5 comprising a spring surrounded by a pocket of fabric,
- wherein said pocketed spring assembly has multiple regions of differing firmness, at least one of said regions having pockets of an identical height vertically offset from one another.
11. The product of claim 10 wherein springs are identical.
12. The product of claim 10 wherein said strings of springs extend longitudinally.
13. The product of claim 10 wherein said strings of springs extend transversely.
14. The product of claim 10 further comprising at least one border wire surrounding said pocketed spring assembly.

15. A bedding or seating product comprising:

a pocketed spring assembly comprising a plurality of parallel strings of springs, each of said strings of springs comprising a piece of fabric wrapped around a row of aligned springs and secured along a longitudinal line of attachment, opposed plies of said piece of fabric being on opposite sides of the springs, said opposed plies of fabric being joined together between springs to create a plurality of pocketed springs of the same height, wherein said opposed plies of fabric are joined together in select locations to vertically offset some of the pocketed springs from other pocketed springs.

16. The product of claim 15 wherein said strings of springs extend longitudinally.

17. The product of claim 15 wherein said strings of springs extend transversely.

18. The product of claim 15 wherein each of said springs is identical.

19. A string of springs for inclusion in a bedding or seating product, said string of springs comprising a row of interconnected pocketed springs, each of said pocketed springs comprising a spring surrounded with a pocket of fabric, adjacent pocketed springs being the same height and vertically  
5 offset from one another in a portion of said string of springs.

20. The string of springs of claim 19 wherein each of said springs is identical.

21. The string of springs of claim 19 wherein said string of springs is joined to other similar strings of springs by gluing strings of springs together to create a pocketed spring assembly.

22. A string of springs for inclusion in a bedding or seating product, said string of springs comprising a piece of fabric wrapped around a row of aligned springs and secured along a seam, opposed plies of said piece of fabric being on opposite sides of the springs, said opposed plies of fabric being joined together between springs to create a plurality of pocketed springs of the same height, wherein said opposed plies of fabric are joined together in select locations to vary the location of the pocketed springs.

23. The string of springs of claim 22 wherein each of said springs is identical.

24. The string of springs of claim 22 wherein each of said springs is a coil spring.

25. A method of manufacturing a pocketed spring assembly for use in a bedding or seating product, said method comprising:

inserting a spring between opposed plies of fabric of a string of springs,

5 joining said opposed plies of said fabric with seams to form a plurality of pockets, each of said pockets being the same height and encasing at least one spring, some of said springs being vertically offset from other springs in said string of springs due to the location of said seams, and

10 joining said string of springs to adjacent strings of springs to form the pocketed spring assembly.

26. The method of claim 25 wherein joining opposed plies of said fabric comprises welding said plies together.



27. A method of manufacturing a pocketed spring assembly for use in a bedding or seating product, said pocketed spring assembly made of a plurality of strings of springs joined to each other, each of said string of springs comprising a piece of fabric folded such that said piece of fabric has  
5 opposed plies on opposite sides of a row of springs, said opposed plies being joined together between adjacent springs in said string of springs, said method comprising:

inserting at least one spring between said opposed plies of fabric of a string of springs,

10 joining said opposed plies in said string of springs in select locations to create a plurality of pockets of the same height such that said fabric encases said at least one spring in each of said pockets, wherein every other pocket within said string of springs is vertically offset from adjacent pockets, and

15 joining said string of springs to adjacent strings of springs to form the pocketed spring assembly.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein closing said pockets of said string of springs comprising welding said fabric.

29.           A method of manufacturing a pocketed spring assembly for use in a bedding or seating product, said pocketed spring assembly made of a plurality of strings of springs joined to each other, each of said string of springs comprising a piece of fabric folded such that said piece of fabric has  
5   opposed plies on opposite sides of a row of springs, said opposed plies being joined together between adjacent springs in said string of springs, said method comprising:

                  inserting at least one spring between said opposed plies of fabric of a string of springs,  
10           joining said opposed plies in said string of springs in select locations to create a plurality of pockets such that said fabric encases said at least one spring in each of said pockets, wherein every pocket within a portion of said string of springs is of the same vertical height and every other pocket within said portion of said string of springs is vertically offset from adjacent  
15   pockets, and

                  joining said string of springs to adjacent strings of springs to form the pocketed spring assembly.